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PRESIDENT YAHYA SATISFIED WITH TALKS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT

KARACHI, October 27. - The President, General Yahya Khan, is returning to Karachi this evening from Paris after attending the commemorative session of the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

During his 24 hours stay in Paris, the President had talks with the French President, Mr. Pompidou and the Prime Minister.

The President told newsmen that he was most satisfied with the cooperation between the two countries in different spheres.

On his way back home, the President was to have a brief stopover in Teheran ~~to meet the Shah~~inshah of Iran.

PRINTING OF BALLOT PAPERS STARTS

LAHORE, October 27. - The Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar, has said arrangements are being ~~finalised~~ for the setting up of polling stations and appointment of presiding and polling officers by the Provincial Election Commissioners.

In an interview with Radio Pakistan's Lahore representative today, the Chief Election Commissioner said all arrangements for the holding of general elections are proceeding according to schedule. The printing of ballot papers for election to the National Assembly has started at various centres.

Referring to reports in certain sections of the press, the Chief Election Commissioner clarified the position in case of death take place of a validly nominated candidate, who has not withdrawn his candidature before he died.

He said in such a case the returning officer will, by a public notice, terminate proceedings relating to the elections in the constituency concerned. After that fresh proceedings will be started for the new election in accordance with the election ordinance.

The Chief Election Commissioner made it clear substitution in case of death of a validly nominated candidate is neither provided in nor permissible under the law.

Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar left Lahore for Rawalpindi this afternoon, after completing the hearing of appeals against rejection of nomination papers for elections to the Punjab Assembly. One of the two pending appeals was accepted by him today. Seven similar appeals were accepted yesterday. The second pending appeal was rejected.

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In Quetta today, nomination of six rejected candidates were reviewed and the Baluchistan Provincial Assembly constituencies were held in order by a member of the Election Commission, Mr. Justice Akram. Appeals against the remaining two rejections are being heard tomorrow morning.

According to the final list of candidates available with the NWFP elections, 104 dandidates are to contest the 18 seats for the National Assembly pertaining to the several districts of the province. These include 16 independent candidates. Thirty candidates are contesting the six constituencies pertaining to the tribal areas.

Today was the last day in East Pakistan for the withdrawal of candidature from the National Assembly constituencies. In Dinajpur district, out of 30 candidates for ~~six~~ seats, three have withdrawn their candidature. Of the 30 candidates for 5 seats in Bogra district, two have withdrawn. In Rangpur district are the 65 candidates for 12 seats. Information of six withdrawals have been received so far.

In Dacca, information about the withdrawals of 12 candidates has been received so far in 10 out of 16 constituencies. In Faridpur, Information of withdrawal of two candidates have so far been received from three constituencies of Faridpur district. In Chittagong, there have been four withdrawals so far out of 47 candidates for nine seats. In Rajshahi, information of withdrawal of only one candidate from one out of nine constituencies has been received. Information of withdrawal from other places are still coming in.

MUJIB UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF COMING ELECTIONS

NATORE, October 27. - The Awami League Chief, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, addressing a public meeting at Natore has underlined the importance of the coming elections.

He said the elections are not for capturing power but for framing a constitution for the nation. He said it is the last chance for getting the legitimate rights of the people realised through constitutional means.

JAMIATUL ULEMA-I-ISLAM AIDE UPHOLDS ISLAMIC SYSTEM

MULTAN, October 27. - The Amir of the Jamiatul Ulema-i-Islam, Maulana Mohammad Abdullah Darkhasti, has said the Islamic system of justice is a panacea for all ills.

Addressing a public meeting at Mirasin in Multan district, he said it is very essential for the people to adopt Islamic way of life.

The General .....

The General Secretary of the Party Maulana Mufti Mahmud, addressing a public meeting at Batu in Hazara district said that a solution of all the problems facing the country lies in the establishment of an Islamic system.

PNL CHIEF WANTS BALLOT PAPERS TO BE PRINTED IN BENGALI

DACCA, October 27. - The Chief of the Pakistan National League, Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan, has asked the Election Commission to print the name of candidates on the ballot papers in Bengali.

In a statement in Dacca, he argued that since the voters list has been prepared in Bengali, the names of the candidates on the ballot papers should also be in Bengali.

EAST PAKISTAN JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI CHIEF ADVOCATES ISLAMIC CONSTITUTION

KUSHTIA, October 27. - The Amir of the East Pakistan Jamaat-i-Islami, Prof. Ghulam Azam, has said the introduction of an Islamic constitution will ensure the realisation of the due share of the people of East Pakistan.

Addressing a meeting at Kushtia, he urged the people to exercise their franchise judiciously so that the country may have an Islamic constitution.

20-YEAR PROGRAMME TO CONTROL T.B.

DACCA, October 27. - The Acting President, Dr. A.M. Malik, has said a 20-year programme has been prepared to control T.B. effectively. He was inaugurating a T.B. project in Dacca this afternoon.

Dr. A.M. Malik said for effective implementation of this programme, the Government has already set up institutions in both the wings for the collection of epidimelogical information and training of personnel.

He said in the Fourth Five-Year Plan ₹. 9,244,000 have been allocated for the control of T.B. He appealed to philanthrophists to come forward and help the Government in eradicating the menace of T.B. from the country.

TRADE DELEGATION OFF TO LONDON

KARACHI, October 27. - A high powered 5-member trade delegation led by the Commerce Minister, Mr. Ehsanul Huq, left Karachi today for London for talks with British authorities on the possible repurcussions of Britain's entry into the European Common Market on Pakistan-U.K. trade.

The Commerce .....

The Commerce Minister will also visit Brussels, the ECM headquarters to hold similar discussions there.

MALAYSIAN COMMERCE MINISTER IN DACCA: TRADE RELATIONS TO BE STRENGTHENED

DACCA, October 27. - The visiting Malaysian Minister for for Commerce and Industry has expressed his country's willingness to further strengthening trade relations with Pakistan.

The Malaysian Minister who is leading a 3-member delegation to Pakistan held meetings with Industrialists and businessmen in Dacca today.

He said his visit is to pave the way for better trade and economic cooperation between Pakistan and Malaysia. He said some trade missions from Malaysia are expected to visit Pakistan early next year.

There is a good market in Malaysia for Pakistani goods, he added. The Malaysian Minister is leaving Dacca for Lahore tonight after the conclusion of 3-day visit to East Pakistan.

PIA INTRODUCES REGULAR CARGO SERVICE WITH EUROPE

KARACHI, October 27. - PIA is starting a regular cargo freighter service between East and West Pakistan on the 1st of next month and between Pakistan and Europe on the 5th.

The interwing service will be four times a week between Karachi and Dacca and thrice a week between Lahore and Dacca.

The international freighter service will be weekly and will operate on Dacca-Lahore-Karachi-Damascus-London route.

This will provide for the first time, a direct cargo service to the Middle East and Europe for the benefit of shippers in Lahore and Dacca.

12TH ANNUAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE

LYALLPUR, October 27. - The 12th annual science conference of the Scientific Society of Pakistan will be held on the 23rd of December at Lyallpur. More than 400 delegates from universities and science organisations are to take part. The 4-day programme also includes exhibition of agricultural implements and products and a symposium on the usage of atomic energy.

RELIEF .....

RELIEF OPERATIONS GEARED IN CYCLONE AFFECTED AREAS

DACCA, October 27. - Relief operations have been further geared up in all the cyclone affected areas of East Pakistan. Some of the cyclone hit districts have been divided into a number of relief zones.

Each zone has been placed under the supervision of a gazetted officer. As already reported the provincial Government has given assurance to give immediate cattle-purchase and house-building loans to mitigate the sufferings of the cyclone affected people.

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